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Excellency:

I have the honor to transmit an urgent message from the President of the United States:

"A number of proposals have been made to you and to the United States in the last 36 hours. I would appreciate your urgently ascertaining whether the Soviet Union is willing immediately to cease work on these bases in Cuba and to render the weapons inoperable under United Nations verification so that various solutions can be discussed."

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Adlai E. Stevenson

His Excellency  
U Thant  
Acting Secretary-General  
of the United Nations

Dictated by phone  
Adlai E. Stevenson at White House  
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